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Dewan's reply.—(1) Government are unable to spend money upon repairing village roads or for bridging them, because there are a large number of places in the main roads which are unbridged and in disrepair. These latter have to be attended to and set right, before we take up village roads.

(2) Government are aware that there is no fencing on either side of the Railway line at present. The fencing to be effective must be a wire fencing, and this will mean further capital expenditure on the Railway and a consequent increase in the deficit. Government regret that they cannot do anything in the matter.

PATTANAPURAM TALUK.

121. *New roads in the taluk.*

Mr. P. Parameswaran Pillai requested that the following roads be constructed:—

(*a*) from Kunnicode market to Kalayapuram.

(*b*) from Kunnicode to Pattanapuram.

(*c*) from Kunnicode market to Anchal market.

Dewan's reply.—Government quite see the hardships which the ryots now suffer. Two out of the three roads have been included in the D. P. W. programme; and the Chief Engineer says that they will be taken up as soon as funds permit. Government cannot make any promise in the matter. They, however, give the assurance that, the moment that funds become available, these roads will be given the earliest consideration.

122. *Pattazhi Devaswom funds.*

The member also spoke of the mismanagement of the Pattazhi Devaswom funds and requested that the funds be utilized to repair the temple, and that the money need not be spent in guarding the Pattazhi forests which were not yielding.

Dewan's reply.—The complaints made by the member about the management of the Desom will be communicated to the Division Peishkar for such action as he may consider necessary.

The member further requested—

123. *Removal of prohibition of owners from entering on their lands.*

(1) that the owners of lands within the forests to the east of the road from Anchal to Punalur be not prohibited from entering on their lands: and

124. *Opening an English School.*

(2) that an English school be started in the taluk.

Dewan's reply.—(1) In regard to lands within the forest boundaries, Government cannot do anything. But

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in the cases of lands outside reserved forests, Government will insist upon the Revenue department, in consultation with the Forest department, disposing of the cases without delay. If the member will make out and send a list of the cases of his village now pending, a report will be called for and the disposal of the pending cases expedited.

(2) The request of the member is noted.

SHENCOTTAH TALUK.

Mr. Sankaranarayana Iyer made the following representations :--

125. Village roads.

(1) that new village roads be opened where necessary and that the existing roads be maintained in proper order :

126. Protection of crops.

(2) that measures be adopted to prevent crops from being destroyed by wild animals :

127. Raising the standard in the English School.

(3) that the standard in the local English school be raised, and the schools at Elathoor and Sivanalloor be amalgamated :

128. Railway chatrom.

(4) that a Railway chatrom be built at Shencottah: and

129. Lighting of roads.

(5) that the roads from the Railway station to Shencottah be lighted.

Dewan's reply.—The member's suggestions are noted.

The member also requested—

130. Construction of a tank and wells.

(1) that a tank be constructed in a central place in the town for the use of the inhabitants; and six wells be also sunk : and

131. Improvement of the Ammayar spring.

(2) that the Ammayar spring near Sivanalloor be improved and maintained for the use of the people of Sivanalloor and Elathur.

Dewan's reply.—(1) Government are not prepared to construct a new tank. In regard to the sinking of wells, two wells have been sanctioned, but there has been delay in commencing the work for want of lands. The lands will be made available soon and the two wells sunk during the current year. Government are not prepared to sink any more wells.

(2) Government are not prepared to expend any money on the spring.

Mr. Subramonia Karayalan urged—

132. Abolition of import and export duty.

(1) that the people of Elathur, Ayikudi, Samburvatakarai, Klankad, Sivanalloor and other places have to

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